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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL DISCUSSION NFDM

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1. DURING APRIL 27 GATT COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT ITEM, U.S. PRESENTED STATEMENT IN REFTEL DESCRIBING OUR OBJECTIONS TO NFDM SCHEME, NOTING WE DISCUSSING BILATERALLY UNDER ARTICLE XXIII:1, AND STATING THAT IF EXPEDITIOUS BILATERA SOLUTION CANNOT BE FOUND, U.S. WILL REFER MATTER TO CONTRACTING PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE XXIII:2.

2. ARGENTINA SAID THEY HAVE SUFFERED INJURY, GATT BINDINGS AFFECTED AND SCHEME VIOLATES GATT PROVISIONS ESPECIALLY ARTICLE III. SAID OILSEED SALES OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS AFFECTED, AND NOTED THAT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS HAD BROUGHT NO SOLUTION. BRAZIL SAID SOYBEAN EXPORTS IMPORTANT TO
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BRAZIL, THEY NOT INDIFFERENT ON THIS ISSUE, AND HOPE

EC WILL ABOLISH NFDM REGULATIONS. BRAZIL ADDED THAT EC RESTRICTIONS VIOLATED TWO AREAS OF CONCERN FOR LDCS. FIRST WAS LDC EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY EXPORTS (SOYBEANS NEW FOR BRAZIL) AND, SECOND, BRAZIL AWARE OF NO SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS BEING GIVEN LDC SOYBEAN EXPORTS.

3. EC NOTED THEY CURRENTLY DISCUSSING BILATERALLY BUT NFDM IS WORLD PROBLEM. EC SAID U.S. HAS RESTRICTIONS IN THIS AREA TOO AND "HIDES BEHIND" HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULATIONS. SAID EC MEASURE IS TEMPORARY, OF LIMITED NATURE TO ABSORB HUGE SURPLUS, AND EC NEEDS TIME TO DESIGN A MORE PERMANENT MECHANISM TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF NFDM SURPLUSES. EC ADDED WISH THAT "OTHERS" WOULD JOIN GATT MILK POWDER AGREEMENT TO GET NATURAL ORDER BACK INTO THIS AREA. EC PRESUMED BILATERAL DIALOGUE WOULD CONTINUE WITH TRADE PARTNERS AND THAT THEY WOULD BE CONVINCED THAT CURRENT EC NFDM PROGRAM IS TEMPORARY. COUNCIL AGREED TO LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY OF REVERTING TO MATTER.DALE

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